

## Welcome!

**T**he Community Church in Harrington Park was established in 1908 as part of the Reformed Church in America, the oldest denomination in the United States of America ([www.rca.org](http://www.rca.org)).

### **Welcome to the Community Church in Harrington Park!**

We are glad you are here today. Here are a few things that might be helpful to you.

**Nursery care** is available for children, infant through 3 years of age. **Sunday school classes** are for children ages 4 through high school. The children are dismissed to their classes during the Passing of the Peace.

At the end of our worship hour, **refreshments** are served in Founders' Hall at the other end of the building. We hope you will stay so we can get to know you.

**Large print hymnals** are available as well as **hearing assistive devices**. Please speak to an usher.

**Restrooms** are just outside the sanctuary in the main hallway opposite the office.

It would be a big help to us if you would either fill out one of the white pew cards in front of you and place it in the offering plate or sign the guest book on your way out.

## **The Community Church in Harrington Park**

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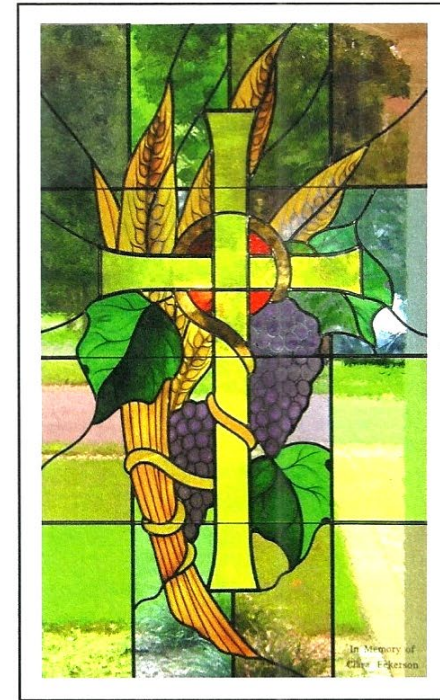
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The Rev. Steve Sayer, Pastor

The Rev. Charles P. Johnson, Pastor Emeritus

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**W**e live in a world where we keep so busy, yet we wonder if we're getting anything done – if there's meaning in any of it.

*Christ pours meaning into our lives by showing us who we are created to be.*

We live in a world with such a frenetic pace, where we are anxious and uncertain.

*Jesus brings us peace by showing us how deeply we're loved.*

We live in a world where we're surrounded by people and yet we often feel alone.

*Christ calls us into a loving community.*

Here, in this church, we are in the process of discovering the meaning, peace, and life-giving love of Jesus Christ.

*We invite you into that journey with us.*



# Order of Worship

We are caring believers who grow, share, and live out our faith in Christ.

April 7, 2024

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE "Give Me Jesus" arr. Mary McDonald  
Amy Duran, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Our Approach to God

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) from Psalm 25

Leader: To You, O Lord, I offer my prayer; in You, my God, I trust.

**People: Defeat does not come to those who trust in You, but to those who are quick to rebel against You.**

Leader: Teach me Your ways, O Lord; make them known to me.

**People: Teach me to live according to Your truth, for You are my God, who saves me. I always trust in You.**

HYMN "O Lord, Our Lord" #175

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**God, we are people of The Truth. You speak to us; You teach us. But we're inclined to overlook the truth in order to hear what we want to hear. We set aside the parts of Your Word that challenge us. We emphasize the parts of Your Word that make us a little more comfortable. And, because we have access to so much information, we live in a time when it's so easy to craft a version of reality that aligns with who we are, what we want, and how we believe. Please make us seekers of The Truth instead, through the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

## The Word of God

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

\*HYMN "How Firm a Foundation" #408

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**God, You offer us this gift of Your Word – the very things You want to teach us; the very things we need to hear. May we listen, not to fulfill our own desires, our own hopes, our own comfort, but so that You can teach us through the Holy Spirit. We pray in Christ. Amen**

SCRIPTURE II Timothy 4:3-4 p. 213 (NT)

SERMON "A Balm for Itching Ears" Pastor Sayer

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

## Our Response to God

OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY #815

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN "God Has Spoken by His Prophets" #407

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Bound for the Promised Land" arr. Evanovich  
Amy Duran, piano

**\*Please stand if you are able.**

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*Every four years, leading up to the presidential election, I do a sermon series that will help us to think through some of the larger biblical issues around our citizenship. I work very hard to be balanced and stay away from partisanship during these messages, and especially have to do so in these divided times. Inasmuch as we already seem to be in general election mode, this year's series starts today and concludes on May 12, the Sunday before Pentecost*

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**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Anonymous; Lynn Baker; DeAnna and Roger Carman; Wendy Gumberg; Ernie Hepperle; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Ed Serrano; Craig Terjanian, the Search Committee.

**THE UNITY PRAYER:** God, we pray that the hope and joy of the Easter season would remain within us. May the fact that Christ is risen lift our heads, our hearts, and our souls to be more of whom you want us to be.

**THE FLOWERS** are given by Ruth Cuffe in loving memory of her mom, Ruth Johnson, celebrating 10 years in heaven, and by Wini Kinkele in loving memory of her parents, Helen and Jacob Haring.

<b><u>THIS WEEK</u></b>		
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	11:15	Jean Greenlaw Shepherding Group
	11:30	Guild Executive Meeting
	12:15	Confirmation
Monday	7:45	Bell Choir
Tuesday	7:00	Outreach Meeting
	7:30	Deborah Circle in Johnson Chapel
	7:30	Finance/Facilities Meeting
Wednesday		Feed Our Souls
	9:00	Courier Assembly
	1:00	Rachel Circle
Thursday		Feed Our Souls
	7:30	Chancel Choir
	7:30	Christian Ed meeting
Friday	11:30	Club 60
Saturday	8:30	Men's Group

**Sunday, April 14, 2024**

9:00 Chancel Choir  
 10:00 Worship  
 Puppets & Sunday School

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**THE MEN'S GROUP** will meet this coming Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM for a time of fellowship and breakfast. All men are invited to come.

**A BLOOD DRIVE** will be held on Tuesday, April 30 from 1 to 7 PM in Founders' Hall. Please schedule an appointment to donate. There is a poster in the hallway with a QR code, which you may use to schedule your appointment. Or, you can call 646-656-5798 or email [ssaeid@nybc.org](mailto:ssaeid@nybc.org). Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo.

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